



STATE OF MICHIGAN

STATE 911 COMMITTEE

LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

MR. TIM SMITH
CHAIR

January 27, 2015

Dear County Coordinator:

The following communication has been sent to your County Clerk.

Under MCL 484.1714(1)(g) the State 911 Committee is required to provide notice to communication providers of the 911 surcharges in Michigan. This includes the counties' 911 operational surcharges and the state 911 fee.

MCL 484.1401b allows a county board of commissioners to assess up to \$0.42 a month by commissioner resolution.

If a county commission determines that it is necessary for the county to enact a local surcharge that is more than \$0.42 per month **and** in excess of the monthly amount that was approved for the county by the Michigan Public Service Commission under U-15489, the voters of the county must approve the increased surcharge.

In order for an increase to be effective beginning July 1, 2015, the county must have a current ballot proposal that has been passed no later than the May 2015 election date. **If the May 2015 date is missed, the next surcharge effective change date is July 2016.** Please refer to your county's legal counsel for details for proper county commission action to place a question on a May 2015 ballot.

*If the county is collecting a 911 surcharge between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016, based on a ballot proposal, **at a minimum**, that ballot proposal **must be valid** for at least the entire collection **period between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016**, on the statutory due date of May 15, 2015.*

In order to make the proper notice to the communication providers about the counties' 911 surcharges, please follow one of the four options below:

1. Not collecting local surcharge

If the county is **not** going to collect a local 911 operational surcharge between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016, please provide a letter to the State 911 Office **no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015**, stating that the county will **not** be collecting the local 911 surcharge. Please include a completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at www.michigan.gov/snc) with the county's letter.

Please use Template A for this option.

2. Continue collecting surcharge with no changes

If the county is going to **continue collection** of its current local 911 surcharge with **no change** in the present amount between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016, please provide a letter to the State 911 Office **no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015**, stating that the county is going to continue collection of the local 911 surcharge with no change in its present amount. Please include a completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at www.michigan.gov/snc) with the county's letter.

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Please use Template B if collection is by county commissioners' resolution or MPSC U-15489.
Please use Template C if collection is by ballot proposal.

3. Changing surcharge amount

If the county is going to **change** its local 911 surcharge (whether an increase or decrease) under either process set forth in MCL 484.1401b (1)(a) & (b), please do **one of the following** as appropriate:

- a) If the county is going to **change** its surcharge by **county board of commission resolution** to collect **\$0.42 or less per month**, or less than allowed under MPSC U-15489, a notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge and a completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at www.michigan.gov/snc) must be provided. Both documents, the resolution and the completed SNC-500, must be received by the State 911 Office **no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015.**
- b) If the county is going to **change** its current surcharge pursuant to **voter approval** to collect **more than \$0.42 per month**, please provide:
 1. A copy of the clerk's certified ballot determination. (That ballot must be valid until at least June 30, 2016).
 2. A notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge.
 3. A letter from the county confirming the 911 surcharge.
Please use Template D for this option.
 4. A completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at www.michigan.gov/snc).

All four documents must be provided and received by the State 911 Office **no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015.**

All documents are to be returned by:

E-mail to: hansels@michigan.gov

or


U.S. Mail to:

Michigan State Police
State 911 Administrative Section
P.O. Box 30634
Lansing, Michigan 48909-0634
Attention: Ms. Stacie Hansel

Under MCL 484.1401b (7), the above information is due to the State 911 Committee no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015; however, if it is possible for the county to do so, earlier responses will be accepted and are encouraged. Failure to meet the May 15 deadline may result in the inability of the State 911 Office to notify the communication providers prior to the annual deadline and can adversely affect the collection of your county's local 911 surcharge.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (517) 241-0080 or by e-mail at miller-brownh@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown
State 911 Administrator
Enclosures (4)

Template A

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised that [County name] is not collecting a local 911 surcharge from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]

Template B

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised that [County name] will continue collection of its local commission-enacted 911 surcharge of [amount] with no change in the amount from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]

Template C

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised that [County name] will continue collection of its ballot supported 911 surcharge of [amount] with no change in the amount from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

The current ballot proposal is valid (at a minimum) between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]

Template D

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised it is [County name]'s intention to change the local 911 surcharge by commission resolution to [new amount]. I have included a notarized or certified copy of the County Commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge. It will be collected from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

OR

Please be advised it is [County name]'s intention to change the local 911 surcharge as allowed by voter approval to [new amount]. I have included a copy of the Clerk's certified ballot determination and a notarized or certified copy of the County Commissioner's resolution setting the local 911 surcharge. The local surcharge ballot is valid from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. This local surcharge will be collected from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]